



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: The proposed timber sale River View Too Sorts; application #30-⁸⁴⁸¹⁵ and the attached Forest Practice Application # 2610106 is located in the Port Angeles and North Crescent Landscape planning units. River View Too Sorts is a 5 unit variable retention harvest of second growth conifer timber encompassing approximately 381 acres with an approximate sale volume of 8,518 mbf. Of the total acres assessed for potential harvest, approximately 338 acres will be regeneration harvested while approximately 38 acres have been left in leave tree areas and riparian zones.

Description of mitigation: The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owl: This proposal is not structural owl habitat. (Procedure PR-14-004-120)

Marbled Murrelet: The timber sale area was determined to be non-murrelet habitat by the DNR's interim marbled murrelet strategy. The eastern portion of Unit 3 is within ¼ mile of an occupied stand. Timing restrictions will be implemented for road construction and timber harvest. (Procedure PR-14-004-320)

Riparian and Wetland Management Zones (RMZ/WMZ): This sale has one Type 1 stream, Little River, three Type 3 streams, five Type 4 streams and ten Type 5 streams associated with it. The Type 1 and 3 waters have been protected with 160 foot 100 year site index buffers, the Type 4 streams have been protected with 100 foot riparian buffers and the Type 5 streams have been protected with varying width green tree retention buffers. There will be no harvest activities within any of the riparian areas and a 30 foot equipment limitation zone will be applied to all Type 5 waters. (Procedure PR-14-004-150)

Slope Stability: A State Lands slope stability specialist conducted a remote and field review of LSI mapped features as moderate hazards. The Southern boundary of Unit 1 was reviewed in the field by a State Lands slope stability specialist and determined to have no Forest Practices rule identified features and is at a low risk of being a landslide initiation point and a low risk of delivery potential. The Southern boundary of Unit 4 was also reviewed by a state lands slope stability specialist and determined to have no Forest Practices rule identified features and is at a low risk of being a landslide initiation point and a low risk of delivery potential. (Procedure PR-14-004-050)

Retention Trees: Retaining a minimum of eight trees per acre in the proposal area provides legacy elements for recruitment of future snags, coarse woody debris, multi-layered stands and large diameter trees. Unit 1 has 182 individually marked retention trees and 50 trees in a leave tree area. Unit 2 has 452 individually marked retention trees and 60 trees in a leave tree area. Unit 3 has 176 individually marked retention trees, 340 trees in riparian leave areas and 150 trees in a leave tree area. Unit 4 has 700 individually marked retention trees and 172 trees in riparian leave areas. Unit 5 has 440 individually marked retention trees and 192 trees in leave tree areas. (Procedure PR-14-006-090)

Roads: There will be approximately 3,390 feet of optional new road construction, 686 feet of required new road construction, 4,363 feet of optional reconstruction and 5,150 feet of pre-haul maintenance planned for this proposal.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources – Olympic Region

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

Units 1 thru 4 of this proposal are located approximately 10 - 14 miles south of Port Angeles, Washington off of Little River road in Sec. 26 Twp. 30N, Rge. 7 W and Sec.'s 29,31, 32, 33 Twp. 30N, Rge. 6 W. Unit 5 is located approximately 14 miles west of Port Angeles off Wasankari county road in Sec.'s 11, 14 Twp. 30N, Rge 8W, W.M.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ **There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.**

☐ **This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from _____. Comments must be submitted by_____.**

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.

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